



Wanda Haendler

April 6, 1963 - July 17, 2011

Wanda Kay Haendler, was born April 6, 1963 in Iowa City, Iowa to James and Dorothy Haendler. She died July 17th at Medical Center of the Rockies in Loveland, CO. She and her family moved to Fort Collins, 2 weeks after her birth and she attended school in the Fort Collins area and graduated from Poudre High School in 1982. Wanda was employed by Vergent Products of Loveland and had previously been an employee at Advanced Energy of Fort Collins. Wanda is survived by her parents James and Dorothy; sisters, Susan Kerbel (husband Dusty) of Broomfield, CO, Sandy Benson (husband Richard) of Loveland, CO, Theresa Eslick (husband David) of Bartlesville, OK; her brother: John Haendler (wife Julia) of Nunn, CO; nieces, Mandi Wild, Misty Standerfer, Elizabeth Fleming, Kimberly Youngblood and Navada Steinmetz; nephews, James Kerbel, James Haendler and Jessie Eslick; great nieces, Mikayla, Trinity, Jasmine, Jessica and Jalyne; and a great nephew, Dylan. She also had two very special "nieces" Jessica and Jordyn Utesch. Wanda was preceded in death by her grandparents Bob and Marie Basart, and John and Thelma Haendler who also resided in Fort Collins, CO. Wanda loved her family and friends, she was always there for them. She was affectionately known as NaNa. She loved the mountains and being outdoors as well as camping, hiking and riding her bike with her friends and family. Wanda had a deep love for animals, she was gentle, and kind, everyone who knew her saw the love and compassion she had for them. She was a computer whiz and an amazing photographer. Wanda's family and friends will love and cherish her

and the memories they have until they meet again. A memorial service will be held July 30th at 10:00 am at the Soldier Canyon Group area in Lory State Park. Park fee is required; anyone who needs directions can email inmemoryofwanda@hotmail.com. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to an animal shelter or zoo of your choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *Wanda Haendler*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *I miss you more then you will ever know. You were the one that I could always turn to when I needed a laugh, a shoulder to cry on, or advice on anything. I will cherish all of the memories that we made over the years. A part of you will live on in me forever. You left us way too soon, and the wound will never fully heal. I love you with all of my heart, I will choose to remember all of the good times, and try to forget the bad. I pray that you are safe in the loving arms of God and that I will get to see your smile again some day. Until I see your face in heaven, you will be in my heart. Thank you for touching my life. I love you Aunt Wanda and I miss you deeply.*

Navada Steinmetz - July 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *I meet Wanda when we were kids growing up in Wellington, Co. Wanda always had a smile and a kind word to any one she meet. I think one of the things that stands out most about Wanda for me is, she always made you feel welcome no matter who you were or what was going on in your life. Wanda looked beyond your troubles and accepted the person you were. I will forever hold her friendship in my heart. May God hold you in his arms and take away your sorrows until we all meet again.*

Kristi Winkler-Franek - July 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ Wanda,

Maybe we didn't always see eye to eye on some of the dicissions you made....

But that didn't mean I didn't Love you.

Because...

I did...

Maybe I didn't always agree with some of your choices.....

But that didn't mean I didn't love you.

Because...

I did...

Maybe you felt the world was aganist you, and that no body loved you.

But that's just not true...

Everyone that knew you LOVED YOU...

I DID!!

Rest In peace my Sweet Wanda.

Alice Johnson2 - July 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Dearest Wanda/Fish

I know only a few who knew why I nicknamed you Fish. (The movie Fish called Wanda and the hybrid girls who loved fish tacos)

Wanda, I especially loved celebrating our b-days together. We worked together for 9 years when I had to leave due to health but I always remembered our birthdays.

What wonderful memories we shared, and what an honor it's been to share your friendship.

God bless you dear friend.

Darlene Gonzales - July 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ You will be missed and always loved.

Sabrina Lockman - July 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ I love u Wanda. May u be at peace.

2 doors down,

Stacey

Stacey - July 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Oh my dear friend, I wish we had spent more time together and I will miss you always. I will always feel blessed that you had been in my life for the time that we knew each other. Fly with the angels my friend.

Rebecca Claudell - July 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

NA

“ I worked with Wanda during the time we were both buyers at Advanced Energy Industries, and got to know what a good person she was there.

When we were both laid-off and attended Front Range Community College together, we used to have classes that we'd commiserate about in the hallways - MATH! She was the one who told me what a struggle it was for her, and urged me to get a tutor when it got tough, at that it would be paid for by TAA. Luckily, I took her up on it! We'd meet in the parking lot and stand there talking about life, being out of work, and our lives, but I wish we'd talked more about depression. Something I know a lot about, and I guess she did too. Wanda, you had such a sunny, positive outlook on life, and such a ready smile or helping hand to any that needed it. I'm sorry that life became hopeless and overwhelming to you, and like most of us, wish there had been SOMETHING I could have done to help out. Thanks for being a friend, and letting me get to know you. I will miss you.

Nora Su Alvarado - July 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ A face we love is missing, A voice we know is still. A place is vacant in all our hearts, That only you could fill.

Tears in our eyes that won't go away,
We wish you were here with us today.
We know you never meant to hurt us,
or make us cry. Our love for you will always stay, If only things didn't end this way. We will always remember you as our friend. We love you!
Rest in Paradise until we meet again

~You are truly missed Miss.Wanda forever in our hearts you will stay.

Sara Collins - July 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ I knew Wanda for several years, from my close friend, her sister, Sandy. Wanda had a great sense of humor & she was very likeable & always nice to me. I'm sad she's gone & I will miss her very much. She was loved & cherished by many. I hope that God lifts the family up & they only see one set of footprints on the sand!! Love, Jan

Jan Lucas - July 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ I met you in high school. Carried your books from 1st hour to 2nd hour. You had broke your leg. We had great times in History Class cheating, but still didn't get very good grades. LOL. Then I became your sister-in-law. You were a little angry that I took your little brother. That brought us closer. We grew apart and back again. But you nwere always my best friend. We accepted the worst and best in each other. I always loved you. I find peace in knowing that you found peace finally. I will see you again someday. Love you then, now, and forever.

Julia Haendler - July 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ I miss you. You were wonderful and funny and smart and loving. You really, really truely cared for people, friends and strangers, you treated them all with care. I loved your laugh and your sparkling eyes. You cared more for others than you did for yourself. I will always miss you.

Liz Nira - July 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ I cant believe how bad I miss you. Im sorry for not being a better niece. I hope that yu have found some relief from your pain. i will always love you.

Misty - July 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

VM

“ I will forever see your smile, hear your laughter and feel your hugs. My memories of you will be filled with joy and an inner peace knowing your pain is over. I Love You today Wanda, I Love You tomorrow. May your journey be well, may your soul be a peace. Forever with you Vickie

Vickie McClure - July 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.
Souders Family

Elizabeth, Elly & Tony Souders - July 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ I will Always miss you and Love. I wish there was something that I could have done to help you. I would have giving you my everything to still have you here now.

I LOVE YOU

Sara Gibson - July 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ I would like to express my sincere condolences to all of Wanda's friends and family in this time of sorrow. It saddens me to see such a wonderful person leave us at such a young age. Wanda was a close coworker of mine during our tenure at Advanced Energy. I always enjoyed working with her and enjoyed more getting to know the person she was. You will be missed but not forgotten. RIP my friend.

Rick Bell - July 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ You will always be missed my friend....Love you!

Patti Hiemstra - July 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ Wanda you will be missed greatly. I will miss your kind heart and amazing personality. Thank you for the laughs and good talks :)

Hollie

Hollie Mason - July 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Wanda & Family

We have truly lost a person who was kind, caring and one who could make a stranger feel comfortable. Both Marsha and I enjoyed our time playing softball with you and the "crew" from AE. It was an experience we will never forget. We especially miss your laughter and how you could stay positive at our games. We both were in awe of your tattoos and wished we had the courage it took to have them done.

You were and now your memory is very dear to both Marsha & I and will never forget the person we knew as "Fish"

Till we meet later

Nancy(MaMa) Sandoval & Marsh F

MaMa-Nancy Sandoval - July 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Wanda, I know you are a shining star in the night sky now. Watching over us each night. Blessings MY friend. Family, words are not enough at a time like this. Love, Shirley

Shirley Ryan - July 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Danny and I both know Wanda from working at Advanced Energy. I met her when I (Linda) started working there in 1995. Wanda was always so nice and easy to work with and get along with. She was always friendly and helpful too. I will always remember her wearing shorts all year round. One day I saw her in a pair of jeans, and she looked so odd to me! Just a silly thing I remember about her. Wanda knew we were huge animal lovers as well, and one day she had a kitten with her. She brought it to the receiving dock where I worked to show me. Wanda was a very special person, and we will never forget her. We are very sorry for your loss.

Sincerely and always

Danny and Linda Gorman

Danny and Linda Gorman - July 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ You aren't replaceable. If you only knew what I have always known. If you could see what I have seen from your friends and family. Your life was a book and you were going through a couple of rough chapters, but there should have and would have been more. You didn't give the world a chance to help you finish your book. So many great pages and chapters left unwritten. I am so sad and disappointed. I wanted to be part of that book, as we grew old together. I hope you are enjoying my Mom's company and her mash potatoes. I will cherish my memories and love and miss you forever.
Freehole

Becky - July 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Here's the way it works:When a person dies, any atsess he leaves behind (cash in a bank, a house, furnishings, etc.) goes into his estate . The deceased should have written a will which, amongst other things, states who will be the estate executor . This is often a close relative. The estate executor, beginning shortly after the death, begins to inventory the atsess and the liabilities (debts that are owed) that were left behind by the deceased. The estate executor pays off any debts (such as loans, final hospital bills, etc.) using the atsess from the deceased. Once the debts are paid off, anything left over is distributed to the heirs, as detailed in the will.If the person dies without much in the way of atsess (which unfortunately is pretty common), the obligations may never be paid off. In short, the people who are owed money (credit card companies, etc.) just have to write it off, knowing that they will never get paid.In short, your husband is largely wrong. You can't just get the goodies (the atsess) without paying off the liabilities (the amounts that are owed). If you try to do it that way, you'll be hit by lawsuits, and possible charges of fraud. He's right to the extent that you don't have to reach into your own savings (not including the atsess of the deceased) to pay off the debts.

Djony - July 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Jim and I want to tell her family how much we loved her. Her smile, her humor, her amazing compassion for everyone. She was so helpful and thoughtful in our time of need. We will miss her. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.

Teresa Graves - July 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ Wanda left us much too early in her life. We will always remember her lust for life and her bigger than life smile. She was such a good friend and we both thought the world of her.

You will be missed little "Bud".

"Johnson" & Althea

Alice Johnson - July 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ I just wanted to say that I recently just started working with Wanda again and was so happy to see a familiar face on my first day. Wanda always had a smile and hug and I also think she had a kind heart I will miss seeing her and only hope that she has gone to a better place. Regards Kathy

kathy goodall - July 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ You smile will be missed Wanda.

Kristal Hunt - July 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ I was blessed to have shared 13 years of my life with W. I loved her smile, hugs and mischievous nature, she mooned all those she knew and a few strangers too! She loved the Broncos, corvettes and camping. She disliked cheese, although she ate more than she knew. She left this world with a heavy heart. I hope she is free now and has no pain. I pray her family and friends find joy in their memories and comfort in knowing she is now with God. I love you Wanda! Till we meet again. Peace! M

T. Marie Sand - July 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ I was saden to hear about Wanda, especially after talking with her about 3 weeks prior & her telling me how well she was doing. My heart goes out to the her family. I will always have her smile & laughter in my memory. Please remember that when someone is gone there memories live on inside of us forever.

Janet Daubert - July 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

S(

“ Rest in Peace my Friend, May you find you and happiness, I will see you again in Heaven, I will miss you, in my heart you will stay.

Haendler Family,

You are in my every thought and prayer, she was a great person, a great friend, and we will miss her. Love Smurf

Smurf (Sheila) - July 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ I miss you and love you sissy. Can't imagine my life without you. Love the time we spent together, the vacations we went on. And only the things a sisters would do for you. All these will be cherished in my heart for ever.

Sandy Benson - July 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM